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vaneed the weather became more favorable, and the French made preparations for the attack.

Napoleon drew up his army in such a manner that he could assail either of the wings or the centre of Wellington. The road to Charleroi was taken as the centre. On the right, with its outer flank opposite, to La Haye Sainte, was Drouot d'Kriion's corps composed of the four divisions (counting always from the right) of Purutte, Marcognet, Alix, and Don/f'l'ot, each about 4000 strong. The 1st, or Jacquinet's, cavalry division, some 1400 sabres, formed the extreme right. The left wing, facing Hougomont and stretching from the (rharleroi road to that to Nivelles, was formed of the 2d corps, IteilleX composed of the, three divisions of Baehelu, Foy, and Prince Jerome Bonaparte (the ex-King of Westphalia, with General Guilleminot as his adviser), each 5000 strong. Fire's (2d) cavalry division, 1700 sabres, formed the extreme left. This made the first line 34,100. One hundred yards behind the centre, on the left of the Charleroi road, was the (>th cnirpH, LolmuW formed of the two divisions of Simmer and efi\*unnin, with a total strength of about 5000 men. Alongside tliiH corps, but on the right of the Charleroi road, wore the two cavalry diviniioiiH of !>ouiont and Subervie, together about U.'fOO xahr<\*H. Two hundred yards in rear of each wing was !>!ac\*<»<l a cavalry e,orp«, Milhuud'H (cuirassic.r), the 4th cavalry corps, containing thi» divisions <if Delort and Wautier (or Wathit\*r Saint-AlphtrnwOt on the right; the third cavalry corpH, Ki'lh'rmamt'A (tli« Cicnoral who charged at Marengo, nr»t hin futln\*r thi\* old Marnhal who fought at Valmy), on the l«<ft, with Lh<f\*riiii»r (dragcKms and cuiraBsiers) and lioussel

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right; Uuyot with hin (*jrenttdwrs d*  
*chewtl*<sup>^</sup> and dragoons,  
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mile in rear of the  
first line a formidable reserve, Drouot,  
with three divis-  
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